Panel of Chairmen—announcement of

Mr. President: I have to announce that Messrs. K. Ayyappan and P. Govinda Menon will constitute the panel of Chairmen.

Adjournment Motions

1. Regarding the issue of credit bonds

Mr. President: I have received an adjournment motion from Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.

To discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely,

"The reported decision of the Government to postpone the issue of credit bonds" in accordance with the special Committee's report.

Where is it reported?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* In the "Madras Mail".

Mr. President: That is not a Government publication and an adjournment motion cannot be moved on rumours and reports. So far as the Government is concerned, no orders have been passed. The report on the subject is only under the consideration of the Government now. The motion is therefore not in order.

2. Regarding situation created by Minister's explanation published in the Madras Mail, dated 2nd December 1939.

Mr. President: There is another motion from Mr. C. V. Iyyu.

"To discuss about the situation created by the explanation of the Honourable Minister published in the Madras Mail of 2nd December 1939, page 14."

How is this a matter of public importance?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In this statement the Hon'ble Minister has advised the District Congress Committee of Cochin State to refer the matter to the Kerala Provincial Committee, and I am seriously doubting whether the Kerala Provincial Congress Committee is asking the Minister to resign. The policy of the Minister is being dictated to by some political organisation outside the State. It is to discuss about that matter that I have tabled the motion.

Mr. President: This is a general matter that relates to the office of the Minister. No doubt, the conduct of the Minister is a matter of public importance. So far as this House is concerned, the words *"of public importance"* cannot be construed in that literal sense.

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If the hon'ble member has got any grievance about the conduct of the Minister, it is open to him to ventilate his views. I do not think a motion of this kind will be in order.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I have one more remark to offer. As far as we stand, our Maharaja is at war with Germany. The position is that if the Minister creates a deadlock just like the Congress Ministries in the Provinces, it will create a great sensation. We are all loyal subjects of His Highness and if the Minister shirks his responsibility, so far as the war is concerned, it will be a serious thing. That is the position.

Mr. President: I do not think the motion is in order.

Motion ruled out of order.

3. Regarding the abolition of the Debt Conciliation Board

Mr. President: The next motion is from Mr. A. Eachara Menon.

It is 'to discuss about the proposed abolition of the Debt Conciliation Board'.

The motion is technically in order. I have to ask the Hon'ble Member whether he has the leave of the House. The motion is in order, and it is admitted. If no objection is taken, it will be taken up at half-past-three.

Announcement of Bills assented to

Secretary to the Council: Under Standing Order 5 (2) I have to announce to the Council that His Highness the Maharaja has been graciously pleased to give His Highness' assent to the following bills passed by the Council.—

(1) The Cochin Agriculturists' Relief Bill.

(2) The Cochin Nambudiri Bill.

Statement placed on the table

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by

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